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THE PHOENIX CENTER CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND AN INTER-ACTIVE  
BREAKFAST WORKSHOP AT THE 2006 NARUC SUMMER MEETING

*Network Neutrality and its Unintended Consequences*

Monday, July 31, 2006 • 8:30 – 10:00 am  
Sierra Room J (5<sup>th</sup> Floor) • San Francisco Marriott

*(A complimentary breakfast will be served)*

Program Overview: The concept of “network neutrality” has perhaps become the central sticking point in efforts to overhaul U.S. telecommunications laws. While the debate is rich in political rhetoric, policymakers need to understand the potential unintended consequences that network neutrality legislation would have on competition and industry structure. To examine this important issue in more detail, the Phoenix Center will conduct an interactive workshop to present our recent empirical research on network neutrality, including:

- PHOENIX CENTER POLICY PAPER NO. 24, *Network Neutrality and Industry Structure*;
- PHOENIX CENTER POLICY BULLETIN NO. 16, *The Efficiency Risk of Network Neutrality Rules*; and
- PHOENIX CENTER POLICY PAPER NO. 25, *The Burden of Network Neutrality Mandates on Rural Broadband Deployment*.

Agenda:

7:30 – 8:30 Complementary Breakfast

8:30 – 10:00 Workshop and Presentation of Papers

- Lawrence J. Spiwak – President, The Phoenix Center
- Dr. George Ford – Chief Economist, The Phoenix Center
- Thomas M. Koutsky – Resident Scholar, The Phoenix Center

***This event is open to Commissioners, staff, press and other interested persons. Walk-ins are welcome. However, if you know you will attend, please RSVP to the Phoenix Center directly by Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at (202) 274-0235 or [info@phoenix-center.org](mailto:info@phoenix-center.org) and include all contact information.***

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